

## News Release

# Alumnus Adam Maruska, '00, Named Teambacker of the Year at the U of M, Crookston; Fun Nite and Walk-a-thon Net More Than \$27,000 in Support of Student-Athletes

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The fundraising arm of the athletic program at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, Teambackers, announces Alumnus Adam Maruska, '00, as Teambacker of the Year. Maruska, vice president of Crookston National Bank has served as treasurer of the Teambacker organization for five years. He is also an integral part of the planning for the annual Bill Tyrrell Walk-a-thon, a fundraising effort that raised more than \$9,000 this spring.



Maruska received his award during Fun Nite, held last weekend. The largest annual fundraising effort for Teambackers, Fun Nite raised more than \$18,000 with record attendance numbers.

"It is very rewarding to work for an organization that benefits student-athletes," Maruska says. "I played football at the U of M, Crookston, and I know what it means to be a student-athlete and receive scholarship support."

Since 2004, Maruska has worked at Crookston National Bank. He was a double major in ag business and agronomy at the U of M, Crookston. Maruska and his wife, Crystal, have a son and live near Crookston.

Bill Tyrrell, director of athletic fundraising praised Maruska for his dedication and support of Teambackers. "I have great respect for Adam," Tyrrell says. "He understands what it means to be a student-athlete, and he continues to serve the organization by providing leadership and support in his role on the board. "

For more information on Teambackers, visit [www.goldeneaglesports.com/teambackers](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com/teambackers).

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In the photo: Bill Tyrrell (left) and Adam Maruska (right).

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